HOUSE BILL 2744

By DeBerry J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, relative to unlawful carrying or possession of a weapon.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b)

- (1) A person commits an offense who possesses a handgun and:
- (A) Has been convicted of a felony involving the use or attempted use of force, violence or a deadly weapon;
 - (B) Has been convicted of a felony drug offense; or
- (C) Has been convicted of any felony not described in subdivision(b)(1)(A) or (B).

(2)

- (A) An offense under subdivision (b)(1)(A) is a Class C felony.
- (B) An offense under subdivision (b)(1)(B) is a Class D felony.
- (C) An offense under subdivision (b)(1)(C) is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.